

WARSHIPS GUARD CUBAN PORTS

Havana, Feb. 16.—United States warships are proceeding to four Cuban ports—Havana, Santiago, Novigrat and Cienfuegos—to be ready in case the Cuban revolution gets beyond control of President Venecia's administration. It was reported here today. In addition a United States gunboat has appeared off Cienfuegos and the moral effect of its presence is promoting quiet in the district.

The Cuban cruiser Patria sailed for the eastern provinces today laden with reinforcements for the government troops there.

Quiet apparently prevailed throughout the republic today. There is a distinct feeling of optimism on the part of President Menocal's supporters that the rebel bands will shortly be dispersed.

President Menocal, however, is taking no chances. The Mardi Gras, one of Havana's big carnival weeks, was called off.

The revolution is one along purely racial and political lines, War Department officials pointed out, and Secretary Baker is said to feel that with the American munition shipments now on the way the government forces will be able to quell any disorder.

Ten thousand rifles have been shipped to the Cuban authorities from the Springfield, Mass., arsenal. Ten thousand machine guns and bayonets are on their way from the Rock Island arsenal and 20,000 rounds of ammunition have been sent from the Frankfort arsenal at Philadelphia.

DAVID BASORE LAID AT REST

The funeral of the late David Basore, pioneer resident of La Salle county, whose death occurred Tuesday morning, was held from the residence in South Ottawa township yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with Rev. Carl Stackman, pastor of the First Congregational church, officiating. Scores of friends were present to attend the last rites and to accompany the remains to their final resting place in Summit View cemetery.

The pallbearers were O. J. Holman, Morris Lewis, John Muir, W. T. Sutton, W. S. Porter, Milo Thiel.

The following relatives from Streator and vicinity attended the funeral: Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Semans, Mrs. Ed. St. Clair and mother, Mrs. Rahney, Mrs. H. H. Dicus, Mrs. Geo. Hoskins, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Morrison, Byron Henderson, John Burton, Willis Barackman, Ross Lonnell.

Shoes That Do Not Wear Out.

Esparto shoes, or shoes made of the toughest and strongest of the coarsest esparto fibers, are still worn in Iberia and parts of Portugal. There is no shoe made which will outlast them, not excepting leather shoes. Indeed, one pair of esparto shoes has been known to outwear a dozen tanned hide shoes. This is due to their facility of picking up and retaining in their interstices stony particles. As fast as the pebbles are worn out they are replaced automatically by others. Thus a self-soling process is constantly going on. It is not uncommon in some parts of Spain or Portugal to hear the natives boast of wearing a pair of esparto shoes for twenty-five years or more.

GALLI-CURCI

If Galli-Curci is to come to Ottawa, a sufficient guarantee must be obtained by February 19. To date surrounding cities have manifested the major interest in the project, Streator alone having subscribed for one hundred tickets. Three hundred more pledges, and the attraction is assured. Do not fail to mail your subscription card today to Glenn Shuler, 224 Jackson street.

For extended comment on Galli-Curci's first concert appearance in Chicago, see the Evening Post or Journal of February 15th or today's issue of the Tribune.

EARLVILLE SWITCHES TO NEW FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Earlville, Feb. 16.—Earlville yesterday decided to abolish the aldermanic form of municipal government and adopt the mayor and four commissioners plan. The contest was a sweeping victory for the commission form enthusiasts, the vote being 237 to 126. Earlville makes the fourth La Salle county city to come under this form of government, the others being Ottawa, Marseilles, and Leland.

Card Party and Dance.

To be given by the young ladies of St. Francis church at Schaefer's Hall Feb. 20. Music by Henrich's orchestra. Tickets 25c.

In Lake Titicaca native guides point out the islands of the sun and moon, whence came, according to tradition, the founders of the Inca race.

TO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

WANTED—To buy, a piece of vacant property about 30 by 100 ft. or any other dimensions which will contain about 1,000 square ft. near railroad so a switch track can be made over it; central; not over eight or ten hundred dollars. Cheap preferred. T. B. Farrell, College Bldg. Phone 648-W.

WANTED—A housekeeper; good wages to the right party. Call or address Mrs. R. H. Green, 1260 Ottawa avenue; phone 791.

FOR SALE—"Dayton" Scale as good as new. Solid reasonable if taken at once. Inquire at 719 Washington St. or call 669-Y.

CITY AND VICINITY ITEMS

A number of Ottawa people attended a dance given by the young people of Marseilles last evening.

W. E. Shuman is in Chicago today. He has just recently returned from one tour where he has been making purchases for the spring and summer trade.

Officer Pat Judge, of Seneca, was an Ottawa visitor today.

F. E. Maher, of Joliet, is transacting business in Ottawa this afternoon.

Thomas Tully, La Salle street commission merchant, transacted business in Chicago.

Mrs. Mary Coleman is reported as critically ill at her home in Utica.

Edward Deloit, of Seneca, was an Ottawa visitor this afternoon.

James Kelly, of La Salle, was an Ottawa visitor this morning.

Harold Trench, of La Salle, was an Ottawa visitor last evening.

Miss Stella McKoy, of Seneca, visited with friends in this city this afternoon.

Walter Floch was the guest of La Salle friends last evening.

Arthur Letson, of Newark, was an Ottawa visitor this afternoon.

John L. Harvey, of Moline, is transacting business in Ottawa this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Duncan, who are visiting with friends in Raleigh, North Carolina, write that they are having a most enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Goodmiller are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl born at their home yesterday morning.

Leonard Bennett returned today from a trip to Princeton and vicinity.

Miss Aubrey left for Chicago this morning where he will visit a few days with friends.

Miss Catherine Pillon is the guest of relatives in Ransom for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Horst, who have resided on Norris street, have gone to La Salle, where they will make their future home.

James Richardson was a Chicago visitor this morning.

Al. E. Schoch returned today from a short visit with Chicago friends.

Charles Schott is transacting business in Chicago today.

John Arntzen, of Seneca, visited with friends in Ottawa this afternoon.

When Pattens Were Worn.

Americans find it more difficult than the English to understand what Dickens means when he says in "David Copperfield": "Women went clicking along the pavements in pattens." Pattens were an abbreviated form of stilts. The word is also used by builders as the name of the base of a column or pillar, and so architecturally the patten is the support used by a woman to keep her out of the water and mud. From this architectural use has come the secondary application of the word, meaning an arrangement attached to the shoe so that the walker is raised three or four inches above the solid earth, says Popular Science Monthly.

If the mud and water did not exceed that depth the shoes were thus kept fairly dry.

It appears that pattens were not worn solely by the rich, but were luxuries indulged in by the very poor. In speaking of a person who was not especially speedy Ben Jonson uses the comparison, "You make no more haste than a beggar upon pattens."

Wrecked by a Knife Blade.

A ship was once wrecked on the Irish coast. The captain was a careful one. Nor had the weather been so severe a kind as to explain the wide distance which the vessel had swerved from her proper course. The ship went down, but so much interest attached to the disaster that a diving bell was sent. Among other portions of the vessel that were examined was the compass that was swung on the deck, and inside the compass box was detected a bit of steel, which appeared to be the small point of a pocketknife blade. It was learned that the day before the wreck a sailor who had been seen clearing the compass had used his pocketknife in the process and had unconsciously broken off the point and left it remaining in the box. That bit of knife blade exerted its influence on the compass and to a degree that deflected the needle from its proper bearing and vitiated it as an index of the ship's direction. That bit of knife blade wrecked the vessel.

Coming In Out of the Wet.

There is an amusing story by Athenians which suggests the possible origin of the phrase "He does not know enough to come in out of the wet." According to the entertaining grammarian referred to, a town in Greece under stress of evil circumstances borrowed money from a rich man, who took as security for the loan a mortgage on the handsome portico which surrounded the market place. He was not an ungenerous creditor, for when it rained he caused the town officers to announce that the citizens had permission to take refuge under the colonnade. Strangers visiting the town who failed to have the matter properly explained to them were so impressed by the extraordinary circumstances that they spread abroad the report that the people were so stupid that they had to be told when to come in out of the wet.

NOTICE.

Special Assessments. All special assessments for paving and sewers due Jan. 1, 1917, and not paid by March 1, 1917, will be returned delinquent on that date. Persons owing same will save money by paying in the city office before March 1, 1917.

W. W. CURTIS, City Clerk.

Society Notes

A number of friends surprised Mr. Walter Burke at his home on Paul street Wednesday evening. The hours were spent in games and music, after which refreshments were served. Those who helped enjoy the evening were Misses Marjorie Kelly, Eulalia Conkle, Alice and Carrie Roser, Emma Nagle, Sylvia Avery, Agnes Magunes, Ruth Boliver, Marie Halterman and Edith Burke. Messrs. Abraham Halterman, William Roser, Francis Pleskovich, Benjamin Shamas, James Dean, William Mulholland, Peter Doyle, Clyde Frantz, William Hossack and Thomas White.

The members of the St. Francis Dramatic club presented their play, "The Living Statue," last evening at Schaefer's hall. The hall was filled to its capacity. The play made a big hit with the audience and was filled with plenty of clean comedy. The thespians were personally directed by Father Miller, which accounts for the fine acting. The following is the cast:

Larkspur, a sculptor—Edwin Matten. Trotter, his man servant—William Veith.

Dr. Stenocrop—Edmund Danchevsky. Mrs. Piper, a landlady—Bertha Otto.

Kate Norton, Stenocrop's niece—Catherine Kelly.

Following the play dancing was enjoyed until 12 o'clock with music furnished by Henrich's orchestra.

Saturday evening, Feb. 17, Powhan Lodge, No. 29 of the Joliet Old Patrons, will come to this city and confer the second degree on six local candidates. The Joliet Lodge will be accompanied by their band of twenty-eight pieces. One hundred and fifty are expected and two special cars on the intermediate have been chartered to bring them to this city.

Mr. Robert J. Reid is entertaining at a series of card parties this week. A party was held yesterday afternoon. One is being held today, and another will be held tomorrow afternoon. Bridge has been the popular diversion of the afternoons.

Miss Ann Holthway and Miss Helen Hawken will be hostesses at the next bridge party at the Ottawa Boat club. Six tables were filled at bridge at the party Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. E. E. Aldredge and Mrs. Walter Bahr are the hostesses at the meeting of the Ladies of the Episcopal church this afternoon.

The Hawaiian dance of the Ottawa Boat club will be held this evening. The ballroom had been decorated in the true tropical attire. Hawaiian dance music will be featured throughout by S. H. H. orchestra. A buffet lunch will be served.

Mrs. Wilson Conrad and Mrs. E. M. Davis will be the hostesses at the next Eastern Star card party which will be held Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 27.

The manuscript party of the Hooper club will be held this evening at Commercial hall.

The regular school and reception of Willis academy will be held this evening.

Early Insurance. William Gibbons of London is said to have been the first man to have his life insured. On June 18, 1551, he signed a contract with eight men by the terms of which he was to have his life insured for £200 for one year for 8 per cent of this amount. In 1550 a resident of a Connecticut city was traveling in England and became interested in the workings of accident insurance for travelers. So he came home and promoted the first accident insurance company in this country. His first client was a resident of Hartford, whom he insured for \$5,000 against injury in his stroll from the postoffice to his home. Marine insurance goes back to the early part of the fourteenth century and comes from Belgium.

Curious Death Custom In Fiji. The Fijians believe that in case a marriageable youth or maiden dies without having gone through with the elaborate funeral knot tying ceremony of the islands his or her soul is doomed to wander about forever in an intermediate region between heaven and hell.

When any one dies—man, woman or child—a whale's tooth is placed in the hand of the corpse, the middle to be a guidepost to point out the road that leads to heaven and the one that leads to hell.—London Mail.

LADIES' AUXILIARY, A. O. H. WILL HOLD CARD PARTY

Monday afternoon, Feb. 19, 1917, at St. Patrick's hall. Proceeds to go to decoration fund of St. Patrick's church. Public invited. Five hundred and eighty will be played.

Odd Fellows Notice. All Odd Fellows are requested to meet at Clapper & Verner's Hall Saturday evening, Feb. 17, at 7:30 o'clock. Powhan Lodge No. 29 I. O. O. F. of Joliet, Ill., will be down to confer the second degree.

EDWARD NADLER, Sec.

The German village of Remchen has a linen tree that is said to be 120 years old.

What It Would Be.

A teacher was endeavoring to explain the term "facsimile" to his class. "Now," he remarked to one sharp youth, "what is your father's trade or profession?"

"He's a lithographer," was the reply. "Very well. Supposing a man came to your father with a document which he wanted reproducing in every particular, your father agreed and the document was faithfully copied, what would it be?"

"Well," replied the boy thoughtfully, "it depends."

"On what?" asked the teacher. "On the document."

"How so?"

"Well, if it was a ten dollar bill, for instance, the other would be a counterfeit. If the document was a check the copy would be a forgery."

"You don't understand what I mean."

"Oh, yes, I'm quite sure I do," went on the boy. "I'm just coming to it now. In either case I reckon it would be about ten years."

John Smith and Pocahontas. About a mile below Richmond, in what is now the brickyard region, there used to stand the residence of the Mayo family, a place known as Powhatan. This place has long been pointed out as the scene of the saving of Smith by the Indian girl, but late research has proved that, though Smith did come up the James to the present site of Richmond, his capture by the Indians did not occur here, but in the vicinity of Jamestown.

The Indians took him first to a. of their villages on York river, near the present site of West Point, Va., and thence to a place on the same stream in the county of Gloucester, where the Powhatan, or tribal chief, resided. Here, on the west side of the river, some nine miles from Williamsburg, the scene of Smith's rescue by Pocahontas has been located.—Julian Street in Collier's.

"Overhang" Houses. By the year 1670 wooden chimneys and log houses of the Plymouth and Bay colonies were replaced by more stylish houses of two stories, which were frequently built with the second story jutting out a foot or two over the first and sometimes with the attic story still further extending over the second story. This "overhang" is popularly supposed to have been built for the purpose of affording a convenient shooting place from which to repel the Indians. This is, however, a historic fable. The overhanging second story was a common form of building in England in the time of Queen Elizabeth, and the Massachusetts and Rhode Island settlers simply and naturally copied their old homes.

Wild Ducks. Canvasback and redhead ducks, which are very quick of movement, after deep diving are capable of taking flight immediately upon coming to the surface of the water. They do not spring directly upward into the air, but fly at first at an angle until they reach the desired elevation. Surface feeding wild fowl, like the black duck, platfowl and teal, fly directly upward from the surface of the water if the emergency demands it.

Truthful Excuse. "The sheriff caught his young assistant writing love letters in business hours today."

"What did the young fellow say when he was taxed with doing so?"

"Said he was not shirking his duty, as they were all writs of attachment."

—Baltimore American.

People of Sardinia. Sardinians retain traces of the many races which have occupied the island through the centuries—Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Romans, Saracens, Italians and Spaniards. Many dialects are spoken, but Italian is now taught in the schools.—Exchange.

Dostones. "When the Boston girl wishes her pet dog to stand in his hind legs," remarked the observer of events and things, "she requests him to assume a rampant attitude."—Yonkers Statesman.

Surnames. Surnames were introduced into England by the Normans and were adopted by the nobility in 1100.

PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT. Headache and Sick Stomach. This condition results from imperfect digestion. Whether it has been caused by eating too much food, which has disturbed digestion, the treatment remains the same, and this is to empty the stomach. Drinking one tumblerful of water after another as rapidly as possible until six or eight glasses are taken is the quickest way of washing offending substances out of the stomach. If this is done in ten minutes one will have relief from the sick feeling and headache and be ready to go to sleep or to go about again in comfort. This method of treating a sick headache is also good for attacks of acute indigestion. Half an hour after the stomach has become comfortable it is well to take a sedative powder or a dose of effervescent of magnesia. Either of these remedies will bring up the gas, sweeten the stomach and give one a clean, pleasant taste in the mouth.

"Mistakes will happen," said the careless clerk.

"Yes," replied the late boss, "and I'm rectifying the one I made in hiring you by discharging you."—Detroit Free Press.

If They Could Keep It Up.

There have been big men in Wall street who did all the work themselves, who attended to every minute item, who were from Missouri in regard to each point in any proposition put up to them. One of these marvels was among the very greatest financiers the country ever had. But he didn't last long, and there have been few others like him. If a man with the first order of brains and ability could only keep it up there is nothing to prevent his owning the United States. If E. H. Harriman could have kept on fifteen or twenty years longer at the pace he was going he would have gobbled up all that was worth taking. He had about all the railroads in sight, and he was just getting a strangle hold on the big banks. He conquered every square foot of territory as he went along. There was no force on earth to stop him except premature death, and now he is almost forgotten.—A. W. Atwood in Saturday Evening Post.

Most Buoyant Wood. The lightest wood known, so far as any evidence attainable is concerned, is balsam wood, which grows extensively in the Central American and northern South American states. It is composed of very thin walled cells, which are barrel shaped, interlaced with each other and are almost devoid of woody fiber. These cells are filled with air, making a natural structure well adapted to prevent the transmission of heat because of the particles of air imprisoned in the material without interfering fibers. Various tests of the insulating properties for resisting the flow of heat have been made. Balsam wood has been used quite extensively in the past as a buoyancy product for life preservers and in connection with the fenders of lifeboats and rafts. Its life is short, under ordinary conditions, unless treated with antiseptic or preservative material.

Ariake Bay's Mystic Fire. Shimoda, the mystic fire of Ariake bay, Kyushu, has been famous for the past 2,000 years, the sight being considered one of the great wonders of the Japan seas.

In a recent issue of the Tokyo Magazine M. Kaneko, a teacher in the Shimodara middle school, relates his impressions of the fire. According to Mr. Kaneko, when he witnessed the spectacle the first light appeared like a star about five miles distant. Suddenly the volume of light increased until it soon covered an area of many miles. The light moved with the waves and resembled electric lights being lighted and then suddenly extinguished. Mr. Kaneko says that intermittent wave-like movements are the chief characteristics of the mystic fire. He fails to find a cause for the origin of the fire.

Cheaping. In parts of Switzerland the baker's wife carries round the bread in a sort of hamper, and she has not a fixed, immutable charge, but charges for a price with the customers. The old English word for this process was "cheaping," which in many places in England has been corrupted into chipping. Chipping Norton, for instance, is really Cheaping Norton, or the place where goods were cheapened—that is, sold by chaffer.—London Standard.

Helping Old Rubber. Rubber that has lost its elasticity may be rejuvenated by immersing it for five minutes in a bath of glycerine mixed with twenty-five times its volume of distilled water and heated to 70 degrees C. and then drying it with filter paper.

A Fluent Talker. Whence is your wife a good conversationalist? Bangs. She would be but for one thing—she talks so fluently that she interrupts herself.

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Fiske, Elmer. Fiske, Elmer.

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Ferri, Mrs. Mary. Guith, Ed.

Harris, John D. Markwell, Miss Myrtle.

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Cafeteria for Sale. It is frequently reported in Joliet by the tourists that Ottawa needs a good cafeteria or lunch room. I have one here in full blast that is for sale and will sell it at a good bargain to a man who has the spunk.

JAS. H. FERRISS, Joliet, Ill.

South Ottawa Taxes. Are now due and payable. Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesday at Farmers' and Sons' grocery. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at National City Bank. Personal taxes MUST be paid to the collector.

J. M. BECK, Collector.

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